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## Books about the Latinx Experience

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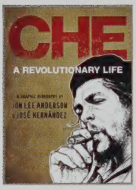


## CHE: A REVOLUTIONARY LIFE

by Jon Lee Anderson and José Hernández

This graphic biography includes excerpts from his diaries and letters and attempts to see beyond the myth into the inner workings of the man.

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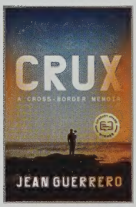


## CRUX: A CROSS-BORDER MEMOIR

by Jean Guerrero

A Mexican American journalist's quest to discover her father's true identity and state of mind leads her through the borders of illusion and reality.

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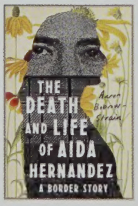


## THE DEATH AND LIFE OF AIDA HERNANDEZ: A BORDER STORY

By Aaron Bobrow-Strain

This tale of an undocumented teen mother details her struggles with violence, poverty, and deportation back to Mexico, and speaks to the current crisis surrounding immigration.

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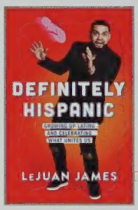


## DEFINITELY HISPANIC: GROWING UP LATINO AND CELEBRATING WHAT UNITES US

by LeJuan James with Cecilia Molinari

As a son of Puerto Rican and Dominican immigrants, James felt his family was vastly different from those of his friends. Here he examines what it means to be Hispanic in the U.S.

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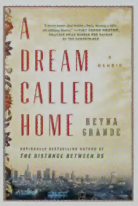


## A DREAM CALLED HOME: A MEMOIR / LA BÚSQUEDA DE UN SUEÑO: UNA AUTOBIOGRAFÍA

by Reyna Grande

This inspirational account of a young woman details her fight to overcome poverty, trauma, and abuse as an immigrant through her resilience and courage.

BIOG E184.M5 G664 2018

El inspirador relato de una mujer joven que describe su lucha para superar la pobreza, el trauma y el abuso como inmigrante a través de su resiliencia y valor.

SPANISH E184.M5 G66418 2018

## FRIDA KAHLO: AN ILLUSTRATED LIFE / FRIDA KAHLO: UNA BIOGRAFÍA

by María Hesse

Written from the perspective of Kahlo herself, this graphic biography reimagines many of her famous works while detailing her amazing yet painful life.

BIOG ND259.K33 H47513 2018

Escrita desde la perspectiva de la propia Kahlo, esta biografía gráfica reinventa muchas de sus obras famosas a la vez que detalla su sorprendente pero dolorosa vida.

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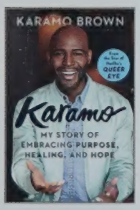


## KARAMO: MY STORY OF EMBRACING PURPOSE, HEALING, AND HOPE

by Karamo Brown with Jancee Dunn

As the culture expert on the show Queer Eye, Karamo details his struggles with addiction, anger, and the search for his place in the world.

BIOG PN1992.4.B765 A3 2019

## LESSONS: MY PATH TO A MEANINGFUL LIFE

by Gisele Bündchen

Supermodel, philanthropist, and mother, Bündchen shares her philosophy of life, advice, and lessons learned from her journey from a small town to worldwide fame.

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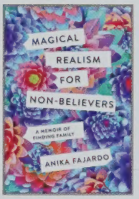


## MAGICAL REALISM FOR NON-BELIEVERS: A MEMOIR OF FINDING FAMILY

by Anika Fajardo

A daughter's desire to know her estranged Colombian father leads her to reconnect with her heritage and ultimately ends up shaping her life.

BIOG F614.M553 F34 2019

## NATIVE COUNTRY OF THE HEART: A MEMOIR

by Cherríe Moraga

This moving chronicle, told through the lens of the Mexican diaspora, details the author's awakening as a queer feminist, her mother's struggle for survival, and their mother-daughter relationship.

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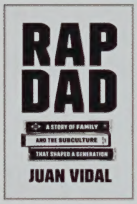


## RAP DAD: A STORY OF FAMILY AND THE SUBCULTURE THAT SHAPED A GENERATION

by Juan Vidal

Growing up fatherless, the author struggled before he became a father himself. This is a fresh take on contemporary manhood told through the filter of rap music.

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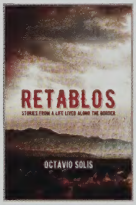


## RETABLOS: STORIES FROM A LIFE LIVED ALONG THE BORDER

by Octavio Solis

These vignettes describe life in the El Paso Lower Valley for the child of Mexican immigrants during the 1960s and 1970s.

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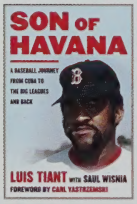


## SON OF HAVANA: A BASEBALL JOURNEY FROM CUBA TO THE BIG LEAGUES AND BACK

by Luis Tiant with Saul Wisnia

The former pitcher details his struggles from Havana to the Major Leagues while dealing with racism both in the South and in Boston while playing for the Red Sox.

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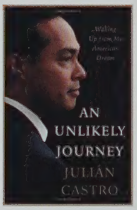


## AN UNLIKELY JOURNEY: WAKING UP FROM MY AMERICAN DREAM / UN VIAJE IMPROBABLE: DESPERTANDO DE MI SUEÑO AMERICANO

by Julián Castro

The former Mayor, Secretary of HUD, and current U.S. Presidential candidate describes his early struggles and accomplishments that personify the American Dream.

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El ex alcalde, Secretario de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos y actual candidato a la presidencia de los Estados Unidos describe sus primeras luchas y logros que personifican el sueño americano.

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# EXPRESSIONS/ EXPRESIONES

## THE BIG PERUVIAN COOKBOOK: 100 DELICIOUS TRADITIONAL RECIPES FROM PERU

by Morena Cuadra with Morena Escardó

In addition to covering the history and culture of local food, this book features authentic recipes, each with its own close-up photograph of the dish.

TX716.P4 .C83 2019X

## THE CARRYING: POEMS

by Ada Limón

These often personal poems by the National Book Award finalist explore her inability to conceive a child and the grief after her husband's death.

PS3612.I496 A6 2018

## CITIZEN ILLEGAL: POEMS

by José Olivarez

The author, a first-generation Mexican American, shares the good, the bad, and the often-surreal contradictions of his experiences living between two cultures.

PS3615.L56 C58 2018X

## DARK TEARS: LGBTQ RESILIENCE IN LATIN AMERICA

by Claudia Jares

Photographic portraits by the award-winning photographer and performance artist show gay, lesbian, and gender non-conforming individuals and couples.

HQ76.96 .J37 2019

## THE ESSENTIAL MEXICAN INSTANT POT COOKBOOK: AUTHENTIC FLAVORS AND MODERN RECIPES FOR YOUR ELECTRIC PRESSURE COOKER / EL LIBRO ESENCIAL DE RECETAS MEXICANAS PARA INSTANT POT: SABORES AUTÉNTICOS Y RECETAS CONTEMPORÁNEAS PARA TU OLLA A PRESIÓN

by Deborah Schneider

Traditional and modern Mexican recipes are updated to take advantage of the ease and speed of cooking with a pressure cooker without sacrificing authenticity.

TX716.M4 S357 2018

Las recetas mexicanas tradicionales y modernas se modifican para aprovechar la facilidad y velocidad de cocinar con una olla a presión sin sacrificar la autenticidad.

TX716.M4 S35718 2018

## FIESTAS: TIDBITS, MARGARITAS & MORE

by Marcela Valladolid

Valladolid presents modern party snacks and cocktails which reflect her Mexican heritage. Photographs and planning tips help make sure your gathering is a success.

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## HOW TO LOVE A COUNTRY: POEMS

by Richard Blanco

Poems about marriage equality, the Orlando nightclub shooting, and the Boston Marathon bombing are featured in this collection by President Obama's second Inaugural Poet.

PS3552.L36533 A6 2019

## I'M NOT HERE TO GIVE A SPEECH / YO NO VENGO A DECIR UN DISCURSO

by Gabriel García Márquez

While recording the key events in his life, these speeches also offer insights into the beliefs and ideas of this Nobel Prize-winning author.

PQ8180.17.A73 Y6 2019

Además de documentar los eventos clave en su vida, estos discursos también ofrecen una visión de las creencias e ideas de este autor ganador del Premio Nobel.

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## MY MEXICO CITY KITCHEN: RECIPES AND CONVICTIONS

by Gabriela Cámara with Malena Watrous

Chef Cámara, owner of restaurants in California and Mexico, presents recipes for authentic fare mixed with photographs of life in Mexico and local foods.

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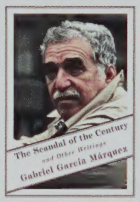


## THE SCANDAL OF THE CENTURY: AND OTHER WRITINGS / EL ESCÁNDALO DEL SIGLO: TEXTOS EN PRENSA Y REVISTAS

by Gabriel García Márquez

This posthumous collection includes a representative selection of Márquez's journalism from the late 1940s to the mid-1980s.

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Esta colección póstuma incluye una selección representativa del periodismo de Márquez desde fines de la década de 1940 hasta mediados de la década de 1980.

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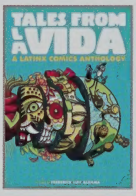


## TALES FROM LA VIDA: A LATINX COMICS ANTHOLOGY

edited by Frederick Luis Aldama

Created by more than eighty artists and writers, these graphic vignettes focus on Latinx experiences while exploring language, culture, history, and more.

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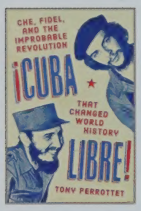


## CUBA LIBRE! CHE, FIDEL, AND THE IMPROBABLE REVOLUTION THAT CHANGED WORLD HISTORY

by Tony Perrottet

Perrottet explores the roots, execution, and aftermath of the Cuban Revolution and reveals the determination and mettle of the Castros, Che Guevara, and many more.

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## DEPORTED AMERICANS: LIFE AFTER DEPORTATION TO MEXICO

by Beth C. Caldwell

When their spouses are deported, many U.S. citizens join them, and others stay. Both options result in their lives being shattered by the immigration policy.

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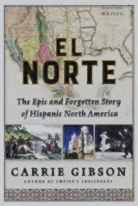


## EL NORTE: THE EPIC AND FORGOTTEN STORY OF HISPANIC NORTH AMERICA

by Carrie Gibson

United States historians tend to validate only Anglo contributions. Gibson rectifies that by showing the profound Latinx influences that shaped areas of the continent.

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## HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE UNWANTED? STORIES OF RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE FROM MEXICANS LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES

by Eileen Truax

Thirteen Mexican Americans, some citizens and some undocumented, describe their experiences of feeling unwelcome in the country they call home.

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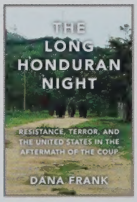


## THE LONG HONDURAN NIGHT: RESISTANCE, TERROR, AND THE UNITED STATES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE COUP

by Dana Frank

The U.S.-supported overthrow of President Zelaya caused the Honduran government to sink into corruption and violent repression in 2009, precipitating the current refugee crisis.

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## THE SHINING PATH: LOVE, MADNESS, AND REVOLUTION IN THE ANDES

by Orin Starn and Miguel La Serna

Guerrillas, led by Abimael Guzmán, caused twelve years of violence and 70,000 deaths in 1980s Peru attempting to overthrow the government in favor of communism.

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## THIS IS CUBA: AN AMERICAN JOURNALIST UNDER CASTRO'S SHADOW

by David Ariosto

Starting with a two year photojournalism assignment in 2009, the author shares his insights into some of the most transformative years in Cuba's history.

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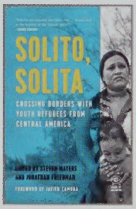


## SOLITO, SOLITA: CROSSING BORDERS WITH YOUTH REFUGEES FROM CENTRAL AMERICA

edited by Steven Mayers and Jonathan Freedman

Stories of abuse, forced gang affiliation, and deprivation give a glimpse into the many reasons people migrate to the United States looking for a better life.

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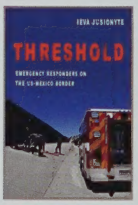


## THRESHOLD: EMERGENCY RESPONDERS ON THE US-MEXICO BORDER

by Ieva Jusionyte

An Arizona firefighter recounts the joys and perils of working on both sides of the militarized border between Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora.

RA645.7.M58 J87 2018

## THE TANGO WAR: THE STRUGGLE FOR THE HEARTS, MINDS AND RICHES OF LATIN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II

by Mary Jo McConahay

Latin America played a large part in World War II. Axis influences were prominent, and diplomacy and espionage were required to secure U.S. alliances.

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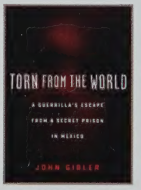


## TORN FROM THE WORLD: A GUERRILLA'S ESCAPE FROM A SECRET PRISON IN MEXICO

by John Gibler

Abducted by the military, a member of a resistance group believed he would die. His story offers a view into government sanctioned torture and individual resilience.

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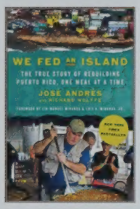


## WE FED AN ISLAND: THE TRUE STORY OF REBUILDING PUERTO RICO, ONE MEAL AT A TIME / ALIMENTAMOS UNA ISLA: UNA HISTORIA VERDADERA SOBRE LA RECONSTRUCCIÓN DE PUERTO RICO

by José Andrés with Richard Wolffe

After Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico, chef Andrés arrived to feed the citizens, encountering resistance, incompetence and indifference from the government and charities alike.

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Después de que el huracán María devastara a Puerto Rico, el chef Andrés llegó para alimentar a los ciudadanos, encontrando oposición, incompetencia e indiferencia tanto del gobierno como de organizaciones benéficas.

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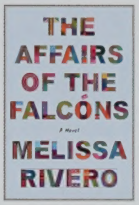


## THE AFFAIRS OF THE FALCÓNS

by Melissa Rivero

Having recently emigrated from Peru to New York City alongside her husband and children, undocumented Ana struggles with little money and her dependence on others for help.

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## AFTER THE WINTER

by Guadalupe Nettel

A brief romance between rigid, misogynistic, Cuban American Claudio and lonely Mexican student Cecilia ends up having a profound impact on their future relationships and decisions.

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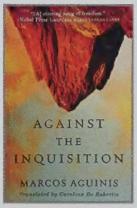


## AGAINST THE INQUISITION / LA GESTA DEL MARRANO

by Marcos Aguinis

During the Spanish Inquisition in Latin America, a Jewish man embarks on a quest to fight for his true faith and to defend his freedom.

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Durante la Inquisición española en América Latina, un hombre judío se embarca en una búsqueda para luchar por su verdadera fe y defender su libertad.

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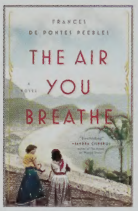


## THE AIR YOU BREATHE

by Frances de Pontes Peebles

A friendship and rivalry develops between wealthy Graça and her servant's daughter Dores, who have successful samba music careers in Rio and Hollywood in the 1940s.

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## ALL MY GOODBYES

by Mariana Dimópulos

A young Argentinian woman leaves home and spends a decade traveling in Europe before returning to Patagonia where she becomes implicated in two murders.

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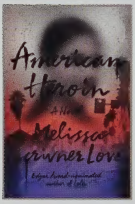


## AMERICAN HEROIN

by Melissa Scrivner Love

In this sequel to *Lola*, Lola Vasquez is running her drug cartel in L.A. and raising her adopted daughter when she inadvertently starts a gang war.

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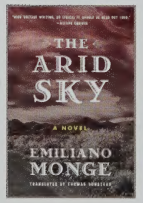


## THE ARID SKY

by Emiliano Monge

A violent, ruthless outlaw in northern Mexico looks back on his abusive childhood while ultimately hoping for redemption.

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## BLUE LABEL

by Eduardo Sánchez Rugeles

Seventeen-year-old Eugenia longs to leave Venezuela. Thinking her grandfather can help, she sets out to find him, accompanied by her moody classmate Luis.

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## BOGOTÁ 39: NEW VOICES FROM LATIN AMERICA

edited by Juliet Mabey

Representing fifteen different countries, this diverse collection of stories showcases the talents of the thirty-nine best authors under the age of forty.

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## CONDOMNAUTS

by Yoss

Josué Valdés, from 24th-century Cuba, travels the galaxy making trade deals in the current fashion: via sexual transactions.

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## DARK CONSTELLATIONS

by Pola Oloixarac

Three intertwining stories set during different time periods in Argentina—1882, 1983, and 2024—explore humanity's desire to push for new scientific and technological discoveries.

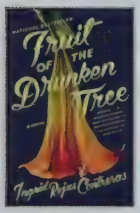
FICTION OLOIXARA P

## DON'T SEND FLOWERS

by Martín Solares

Retired Mexican police detective Carlos Treviño, hired to find the missing daughter of a businessman, must avoid his corrupt former boss, who is out for revenge.

FICTION SOLARES M




## FRUIT OF THE DRUNKEN TREE / LA FRUTA DEL BORRACHERO

by Ingrid Rojas Contreras

Amid the violence of 1990s Colombia, a sheltered girl and a teen maid forge an unlikely friendship that threatens to undo them both.

FICTION ROJASCON I

En medio de la violencia de la década de 1990 en Colombia, una niña refugiada y una criada adolescente forjan una amistad improbable que amenaza con acabar con ellas.

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## THE GLASS EYE

by Yolanda Gallardo

In the Bronx, a dysfunctional Puerto Rican family engages in questionable behavior, including adultery and witchcraft, resulting in one of them losing an eye.

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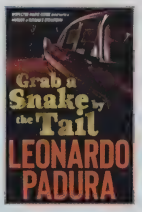


## GRAB A SNAKE BY THE TAIL / LA COLA DE LA SERPIENTE

by Leonardo Padura

Havana police inspector Mario Conde investigates a decades-old murder in Chinatown, where a Cuban-Chinese man was found hanging with a severed finger.

MYSTERY PADURA L

El inspector de la policía de La Habana, Mario Conde, investiga un asesinato de décadas atrás ocurrido en el Barrio Chino, donde se encontró a un hombre cubano-chino colgado con un dedo cortado.

SPANISH FICTION PADURA L

## HIPPIE / HIPPIE

by Paulo Coelho

During the 1960s, a young Brazilian man begins an extraordinary journey of self-discovery as he explores love, spirituality, and the world.

FICTION COELHO P

Durante la década de 1960, un joven brasileño comienza un extraordinario viaje de autodescubrimiento mientras explora el amor, la espiritualidad y el mundo.

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## THE HOUSEGUEST AND OTHER STORIES

by Amparo Dávila

Making nightmares come to life, Dávila's stories drive her characters to the very limits of desire, paranoia, isolation, and fear.

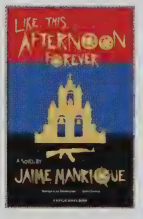
FICTION DAVILA A

## I DIDN'T TALK

by Beatriz Bracher

While preparing for retirement, a professor is overwhelmed by the memories of his arrest and torture in the 1970s by Brazil's totalitarian regime.

FICTION BRACHER B




## LIKE THIS AFTERNOON FOREVER

by Jaime Manrique

Lucas and Ignacio fall in love while studying to become priests in war-torn Colombia in the 1990s.

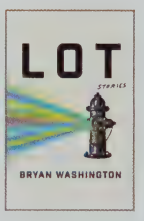
FICTION MANRIQUE J

## LOST CHILDREN ARCHIVE

by Valeria Luiselli

A road trip to Arizona features a father researching the Apache, a mother searching for girls detained at an immigration center, and their children witnessing their failing marriage.

FICTION LUISELLI V




## LOT: STORIES

by Bryan Washington

This collection features an Afro-Latinx teen growing up in Houston contending with his parents' separation, an aggressive older brother, and his own homosexuality.

FICTION WASHINGT B

## LOVE WAR STORIES

by Ivelisse Rodriguez

Puerto Rican girls and women are the subjects of these short stories, which focus on family, culture, and relationships and how they invariably intersect.

FICTION RODRIGUE I

## MOUTHFUL OF BIRDS: STORIES

by Samanta Schweblin

Strange, eerie, and surreal things happen in these twenty short stories: a teenage girl eats live birds, an expectant couple delay their child's birth, and a woman falls for a merman.

FICTION SCHWEBLI S

## THE MURMUR OF BEES / EL MURMULLO DE LAS ABEJAS

by Sofía Segovia

A baby is found abandoned and covered with bees in a small Mexican town. The local family that adopts him soon realizes that he can see the future.

FICTION SEGOVIA S

Un bebé es encontrado abandonado y cubierto de abejas en un pequeño pueblo mexicano. La familia local que lo adopta pronto se da cuenta de que puede ver el futuro.

SPANISH FICTION SEGOVIA S

## OPTIC NERVE

by Maria Gainza

In this mix of fiction and personal essay, a woman experiences episodes in art history that connect with her life in Buenos Aires.

FICTION GAINZA M

## PEOPLE IN THE ROOM

by Norah Lange

A teenage girl in Buenos Aires, obsessed with three women who live across the street, watches them every night and becomes convinced they committed a crime.

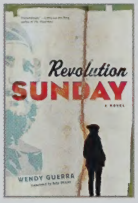
FICTION LANGE N

## THE PRICE OF PARADISE

by Susana López Rubio

Havana, 1947: Patricio meets and falls in love with Gloria, the wife of an infamous mobster, while working in the extravagant department store El Encanto.

FICTION LOPEZRUB S




## REVOLUTION SUNDAY / DOMINGO DE REVOLUCIÓN

by Wendy Guerra

After the suspicious death of her parents, a young poet's life unravels when she's kept under extreme surveillance by the Cuban state police.

FICTION GUERRA W

Después de la sospechosa muerte de sus padres, la vida de una joven poeta se desmorona cuando la policía estatal cubana la mantiene bajo vigilancia extrema.

SPANISH FICTION GUERRA W

## SABRINA & CORINA: STORIES

by Kali Fajardo-Anstine

In this debut collection, Latinas of indigenous ancestry living in the American West confront poverty, violence, racism, and misogyny.

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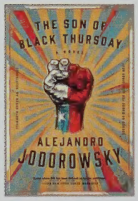
## SEA MONSTERS

by Chloe Aridjis

Seventeen-year-old Luisa boards a bus to track down a traveling troupe of Ukrainian dwarfs and winds up in an eccentric beach community in Oaxaca.

FICTION ARIDJIS C




## THE SON OF BLACK THURSDAY

by Alejandro Jodorowsky

In this fictionalized account of his Chilean childhood, Jodorowsky tells of life in the bleak mining town of Tocopilla, with its corrupt local government.

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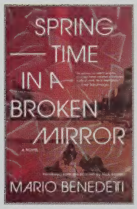



## SPRINGTIME IN A BROKEN MIRROR / PRIMAVERA CON UNA ESQUINA ROTA

by Mario Benedetti

After a brutal military coup, Santiago, a political prisoner in Uruguay, fights off insanity by writing letters to his family who are in exile in Buenos Aires.

FICTION BENEDETT M

Después de un brutal golpe militar, Santiago, un preso político en Uruguay, lucha contra la locura escribiendo cartas a su familia que se encuentra en el exilio en Buenos Aires.

SPANISH FICTION BENEDETT M

## TEARS OF THE TRUFFLEPIG

by Fernando A. Flores

On the Texas-Mexico border, Esteban Bellacosa becomes involved in a dangerous, surreal journey to find the mysterious Trufflepig, said to possess strange powers.

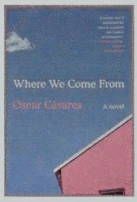
FICTION FLORES F

## WHEN WE LEFT CUBA

by Chanel Cleeton

Recruited by the CIA to infiltrate Castro's inner circle, Beatriz Perez risks everything to reclaim the life she lost in the Cuban Revolution.

FICTION CLEETON C




## WHERE WE COME FROM

by Oscar Cásares

While visiting Brownsville, Texas, a twelve-year-old Mexican American boy discovers a young undocumented immigrant taking shelter in his godmother's home.

FICTION CASARES O

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